

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to avoid improper multiple dependency and improper claims.

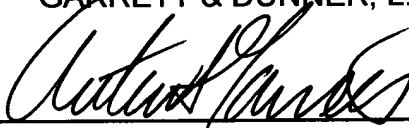
Examination of claims 1-14 and 17-20 is requested.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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